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SUBJ: SECURITY OF CONSULATE GENERAL MELBOURNE

REF: STATE 121820; MELBOURNE 0592 AND PREVIOUS.

1. FOR THE PAST YEAR THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS ENDEAVOURED TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF OUR PREMISES. THE STAIRWELL MODIFICATIONS IN MARCH WAS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP BECAUSE WITH THESE BARRIERS WE COULD FOR THE FIRST TIME AT LEAST LIMIT ACCESS TO OUR SPACE ON THE EIGHT AND NINTH FLOORS TO ELEVATOR PASSENGERS. WHILE THAT PROGRESS WAS WELCOME AND ESSENTIAL, THE TWIN SECURITY PROBLEMS OF (A) PUBLIC AREAS ON THE NINTH FLOOR AND (B) SHARING THE EIGHT FLOOR WITH TWO COMMERCIAL FIRMS REMAIN.
2. MELBOURNE REFTTEL ADVISED THE DEPT THAT WE ARE IN POSITION TO SECURE THE LARGER COMMERICAL FIRM SPACE AFTER JULY 1, 1975. REFERENCE DEPTTEL INFORMED US THAT UNFORTUNATELY NEITHER THE EA BUREAU NOR SY COULD SUPPORT THE EXPENDITURE OF ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AS LONG AS THE SECOND COMMERICAL FIRM REMAINED ON THE EIGHT FLOOR.
3. WE HAVE NOW LOCATED ALTERNATIVE SPACE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR FOR THE SECOND COMMERCIAL FIRM, WHICH IS PREPARED TO MOVE DOWN IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE OUR NEEDS. THIS FREES THE ENTIRE EIGHT FLOOR AND ENABLES US TO ESTABLISH REAL SECURITY.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: IT APPEARS THAT THE BLOCK TO UTILIZATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERRORISM FUNDS HAS BEEN OVERCOME. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL GREATLY

APPRECIATE BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR THE DEPT'S
AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE BALANCE OF
THE EIGHT FLOOR.
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